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Nebraska JIC Daily Update

NEMA Monitors Flood Conditions in Nebraska

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) remains activated in response to ongoing flooding issues across the state. NEMA is collecting damage reports and monitoring flood conditions along the Missouri and Platte rivers and providing assistance to local emergency management officials in the flood- and storm-affected counties on a 24-hour basis.

The NEMA Flood Hotline is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at **(855) 211-2453**. Flood and storm damage reports can be submitted at: <http://www.nema.ne.gov/newsroom/home-damage-contact.html>

Cleaning and Repairing Your Home

Turn off the electricity at the main breaker or fuse box, even if the power is off in your community. That way, you can decide when your home is dry enough to turn it back on.

A copy of the booklet *Repairing Your Flooded Home* is available free online from the FEMA library at: <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1418> It will tell you:

- How to enter your home safely.
- How to protect your home and belongings from further damage.
- How to record damage to support insurance claims and requests for assistance.
- How to check for gas or water leaks and how to have service restored.
- How to clean up appliances, furniture, floors and other belongs.

To order a free copy of FEMA's ***Repairing Your Flooded Home (P-234)***, call: 1-800-480-2520 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern) Monday through Friday. (Multiple copies are available.)

No Changes National Guard -- Eight **Nebraska National Guardsmen** are supporting the Joint Operations Center, the State Emergency Operation Center as operations transition to local authorities.

NO CHANGES Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) Recommended alternate routes:

To and from Kansas: use **Highway 77** out of Lincoln and **Highway 81** out of York.

Across Nebraska: I-80 is expected to remain safe and dry route throughout the flooding months.

Strongly suggested route: If you are west of York on I-80 and intend to travel north on I-29 at Council Bluffs, consider taking **Highway 81** north at York to I-90 in South Dakota thus avoiding detour traffic in Iowa.

Avoid Highway 75 because of existing construction projects, lane closures and flood mitigation operations.

Avoid Highway 77 north of Lincoln because of delays due to bridge construction near Fremont.

NO CHANGES Road Closures Call 511 or check online at www.roads.ne.gov/flood/ or www.511.nebraska.gov

Highway 2 is closed from Nebraska City east into Iowa due to water covering the road on the Iowa side.

Highway 12 is closed east of Niobrara from the east edge of Niobrara to the Santee Spur. A west section of

Highway 12 is also closed from Verdel to approximately three miles west of Niobrara.

Highway 14/37 is closed from the junction with **Highway 12** to the Nebraska-South Dakota border (Standing Bear Bridge). **Highway 14** is open going south from the junction of **Highway 12**.

Highway 175 at the Decatur Missouri River Crossing to Iowa is closed due to erosion of the bridge embankment on the Iowa side. Officials will evaluate the erosion and determine if work can be done to enable the bridge to reopen.

Highway 136 is closed from Brownville east into Missouri due to water topping a levee on the Missouri side.

Highway 159 is closed from Rulo as it runs east into Missouri. Closure is due to levee break on the Missouri side of Big Lake which resulted in water over the road on the Missouri side.

I-680 into Iowa is closed due to I-680 in Iowa being covered by flood waters.

UPDATED River Levels — The National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service lists four flood categories at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lbf/> From highest to lowest: those categories are: **Major Flood Stage, Moderate Flood Stage, Flood Stage and Action Stage**

National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service as of today:

North Platte River

Henry – 5.1 feet, flood stage is 5.5 feet **Action Stage**

Lewellen – 7.34 feet, flood stage is 7.5 feet **Action Stage**

North Platte – 6.8 feet, flood stage is 6 feet **Flood Stage**

Platte River

Brady – 6.85 feet, flood stage is 7.5 feet **Action Stage**

Missouri River

Verdel – 28.05 feet, flood stage is 24 feet **Major Flood Stage**

Niobrara – 25.78 feet, flood stage is 21 feet **Major Flood Stage**

South Sioux City – 33.15 feet, flood stage is 30 feet **Moderate Flood Stage**

Decatur – 39.13 feet, flood stage is 35 feet **Moderate Flood Stage**

Blair – 30.36 feet, flood stage is 26.5 feet **Moderate Flood Stage**

Omaha – 34.24 feet, flood stage is 29 feet **Moderate Flood Stage**

Plattsmouth – 33.23 feet, flood stage is 26 feet **Moderate Flood Stage**

Nebraska City – 22.59 feet, flood stage is 18 feet **Flood Stage**

Brownville – 37.83 feet, flood stage is 33 feet **Moderate Flood Stage**

Rulo – 23.44 feet, flood stage is 17 feet **Moderate Flood Stage**



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